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Erratum to: What's new on the dental scene? Browsing through the dental literature

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Please note the following corrected version of Tab. 1.

Wir bitten um Beachtung der hier dargestellten, korrigierten Version der Tab. 1.

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A total of 198 consecutive orofacial pain patients referred to the Clinic for Temporomandibular Disorders and Orofacial Pain

Routine stomatognathic examination (evaluation of the oral cavity, teeth, periodontal tissues, etc.), questionnaire to detect the presence of TMD signs and symptoms

Examiner 1:

- Clinical and functional TMD-related examination according to the RDC/TMD [2]
- Assessment of inclusion and exclusion criteria for acceptance into the trial

Forty-four study participants: *Randomization*

Counseling and education (n = 23)

Michigan splint (n = 18)^a group

Examiner 2 (for both groups):

- Spontaneous muscle pain (VAS)
- Pain during bilateral chewing of chewing gum (VAS)
- Headache (VAS)
- Pain-free maximum jaw opening

Examiner 3 (for both groups):

- Alginat impressions of both dental arches
- Interocclusal record (wax wafer)

Dental technician:

- Fabrication of the maxillary stabilization splint: according to the instructions reported by Ramfjord and Ash [5], with minimal increase of the vertical dimension.

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<p><i>One week later (Examiner 3):</i> <i>General information about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The problem and the suspected etiology (masticatory muscle overuse) - The good prognosis - Normal jaw muscle function - The relationship between persistent pain and emotional stress <p><i>Instructions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To pay close attention to the jaw muscle activity - To avoid the usual oral habits and excessive mandibular movements - To follow a soft diet - To keep the muscle relaxed by holding the mandible in its postural position and not in occlusion - To assume mandibular rest position by pronouncing the letter "N" several times and holding the tongue behind the maxillary incisors, with the lips in contact - To follow the instructions at home and in daily life by using visual aids: avoid tooth contacts, keep the mandible in a relaxed position - Written instructions about the therapeutic program (i.e., counseling and education) - Continuation with the prescribed therapy during a 3-month period even if the pain has resolved 	<p><i>One week later (Examiner 3):</i> <i>Insertion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjustment of the appliance: even and simultaneous contacts of the lower teeth with the splint surface. <p><i>Instructions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of the splint only during sleep <p>- Written instructions about the therapeutic program (i.e., occlusal splint instructions)</p> <p>- Continuation with the prescribed therapy during a 3-month period even if the pain has resolved</p>
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<p>^aThe original number of participants in the splint group was 21. Three patients dropped out due to the costs associated with the appliance.</p> <p>TMD temporomandibular disorder, VAS visual analog scale.</p>	